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Confederate States, 10c blue	20	1 50
Costa Rica, ½ cent, real blue	10	75
Ecuador, 7 var., evenly assorted	15	95
Hamburg, well assorted	10	45
Heligoland, finely assorted	15	—
Mexico, 1864, 1 real, red	10	50
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	20	1 85
" " 17 cent, black	2 00	19 00
Panama, 1892. 1 cent, green	15	1 40
Puttialla State, ½a. green	20	1 75
Puttialla State, Official, ½a. green	20	1 75
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Salvador, 1792, 1c. on 25c	30	2 40
Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
Sardinia. 15 cent, blue	5	20
Servia, 1869, 20p, blue	10	70
Servia, 1869, 25p, rose	20	1 40
Servia, 1869, 40p, violet	15	1 40
Servia, 1869, 2p, black	08	60
Servia, 1879, 10p, orange	12	90
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
Sarawak, 1892, 1 cent on 3 cent, brown on yellow	40	—
" " 1 cent	25	—
U. S. Interior Department, 1 cent, vermilion	1 00	9 00
" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	2 25
U. S. War Dep't, 1 cent, red	20	1 75

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Argentine Republic, well ass	6	50
" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
Australian, assortment	—	20
Austria, 1892, 30 kr, brown	13	1 25
Argentine Wrappers, ½c, brown	10	—
Austria, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, well assorted	05	40
Bosnia, 10 n, blue	15	—
British Colonies, good assortment	05	35
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
Brazil, well assorted	5	50
Belgium, assorted	—	10
Chili, finely assorted	5	40
Canada, 1859, 10c. violet, assorted shades	1 60	16 00
Canada, 1859, 12½c. green	1 60	15 00
Canada, 1868, 1c. brown red	1 15	11 00
Canada, 1868, 6c. chocolate	50	4 50
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 1 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 2 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 3 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 6 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 9 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 10 cent blue	25	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 20 cent blue	50	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 50 cent blue	1 00	9 00
Canada Bill, 1st issue, well assorted	15	1 25
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 1 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 2 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 3 cent scarlet	10	50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 6 cent scarlet	10	60
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 7 & 8 cent scarlet, assorted	2 00	18 00
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 9 cent scarlet	10	60
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 10 cent blue	45	00
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 30 cent blue	70	6 50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 50 cent blue	95	9 00
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 1c brown	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 2c red	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 3c green	05	20
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 6c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 9c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 10c blue	05	45
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 20c blue	10	60
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 30c blue	10	75
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $1 blue and black	—	—
Canada current, 5c and 6c evenly assorted	07	50
Cuba, 1857, ½ r. p. blue	10	80
Cuba, 1866, 10c blue	20	1 75
Cuba, 1867, 10c blue	15	1 40
Cuba, 1864, ½ r. p. green	15	1 40
Cuba, 1871, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1874, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1879, 25c blue	10	75
Cuba, 1876, 25c lilac	10	90
Cuba, 1876, 50c blue	25	—
Cuba, 1875, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1871, 50c green	20	—
Cuba, 1873, 25c lilac	10	—
Cuba, 1873, 50c brown	25	—
Cuba, 1878, 25c green	10	90
Cuba, 1869, 10c brown	10	90
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	30
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Dutch Indies, 1870, 10c, brown	05	—
Dutch Indies, 1884, 2c, brown	05	—
Egypt, assorted	05	40
Finland, assorted	05	35
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
India Revenues, very fine assortment	**10**	**75**
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 8d, bister	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 6d, violet	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1883, ½d green	15	1 25
Grenada, 1883, 1d rose	20	1 60
Greece, finely assorted	05	30
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, well assorted	20	1 75
Funchal, assorted	25	—
India, On H. M. S., assorted	05	25
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revenues, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Mexico, fine assortment	07	50
Newfoundland, 1890, 3c slate	30	—
Natal. 1d rose	05	25
New Zealand, 1882, 4d sea green	14	1 25
New Zealand, 1882, 6d brown	20	1 75
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, ½d violet	25	2 25
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 1d blue	15	1 40
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 2d red-brown	25	2 25
New South Wales, 1889, official, 1d violet	05	50
New South Wales, 1889, official, 2d blue	05	50
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
New Zealand Revenues, assorted	07	50
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	10 00	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties, assorted	20	1 50
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
Queensland, assorted	05	20
Spain, 1872, 12 de p. mauve	15	1 25
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Spain, 1874, 1 Peseta, green	25	1 50
Transval, assorted	10	75
Trinidad, 1882, 2½d blue	20	1 50
Uruguay, well ass	15	1 45
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10

United States Revenue, 2c. orange, Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
U. S., 1869, 6 cent, blue	3 00	—
U. S., 1861, 1 cent, blue	20	1 75
U. S., 1863, 2 cent, black	20	1 75
U. S., 1857, 1 cent, blue	80	7 50
U. S., 1869, 3 cent, blue	13	1 10
U. S., 1883, 4 cent green	10	75
U. S., 1885, 5 cent blue	08	45
U. S., 1882, 5 cent brown	06	45
U. S., 1872, 10 cent brown	06	40
U. S., 1890, 3 cent, violet	10	—
U. S., 1890, 6 cent, brown-red	25	—
U. S. Columbians, assorted	—	15
U. S. Postage Due, 2 cent, claret	05	20
U. S. Postage Due, assorted	05	30
U. S. Envelopes, finely assorted	05	20
U. S. of Columbia, assorted	05	45
U. S., 1890, 10 cent green	5	20
" 1851, "	3 75	—
U. S. Postage Due, 1 cent, claret	5	30
" " 3 cent, brown	10	90
" " 10 cent, brown	15	1 40
U. S., 1870, 4, 5, 6, 10c., ass	1 55	7 50
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90
Wurtemberg, well assorted	05	25
Wurtemberg Official, 1875, 5pf	15	—
Wurtemberg Official Envelope, sq. cut, '75, 5pf	60	5 00

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Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 00	14 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*Mexico, 1864, 1 real, red	4 00	19 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
* " " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
*Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
Spain, 1874, 1 Peseta, green	12 50	47 50
U. S., 1890, 4, 5, 6, 10c., ass	1 65	7 50
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00
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Canada, 20 varieties	25	80
Canada, 50 varieties	2 25	6 50
†Ecuador, 1872-87, 1 to 50c, 7 varieties	20	60
" " 1c to 1 peso, 10 var	75	2 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 50 to 100 lire	90	2 50
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Puttialla Service, 3 var	20	55
Portugal, 2½ to 100 reis, 12 var		65
Russia, 12 fine var		60
*Servia, 1869-79, 5 varieties	25	80
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CHATS ON COUNTERFEITS.

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INTRODUCTION.

IN every business, profession or occupation which flourishes in the midst of civilization, each has its fakes, its swindles, its misrepresentations, its forgeries; and every straight-forward business or professional person, in his or her particular branch of their sphere, deems it their duty to warn their fellow merchants against, and to assist in doing away with fraud of all kinds. It, however, remains a fact that notwithstanding the precautions, warnings and punishments inflicted on perpetrators of frauds, still they exist, and the world is kept in a continual flutter of watchfulness and anxiety, in their endeavors to prevent themselves and their fellow-merchants from being victimized.

Philately perhaps suffers as greatly from frauds of various kinds, and even more so than is in existence in business of any other nature. Why is this, and from whence does the temptation to defraud arise? From its simplicity, or from the fabulous profits which a counterfeiter may derive from his forged stamps in case they are so successful an imitation that they will foil the efforts of the dealers or collectors who are always examining their stamps, I believe it is this last which is the principal reason. It is assuredly not from a point of simplicity, for a postage stamp is as a rule fully as difficult to execute as the finest bank note. Writers for the philatelic press speak of collectors examining and studying their stamps so as to avoid placing counterfeits in their collections, yet is it not very seldom we hear a writer get down to solid work and endeavor by comparison to enlighten his readers as to distinctive differences between the genuine stamp and the counterfeit? It may be all very well to search through your collection in search of counterfeits, but unless you have a counterfeit of each variety to compare with the corresponding variety in your collection, or on the other hand have a work which will explain the differences mentioned above, it will be found that study of the class generally urged upon collectors is as good as useless. Now, seeing that none of the contemporaries of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST have ever attempted a work of this style on a *complete* scale, I deemed that it would be space used to excellent advantage which was devoted to the foregoing purpose. The information and distinctive points of difference which are given herein are the result of personal experience, a great part of which was obtained at a high price, and other portions being compiled from reliable sources and from the writings of competent authorities. The information appended can in every sense be strictly relied upon, as nothing doubtful or not fully authenticated will be admitted into this series of papers, which are intended for a reference list that shall be retained for constant reference by the collector who reads this article. In the following it will be noticed that I give *the points wherein the genuine stamps differ from the counterfeit.* I shall also casually mention bogus stamps. Before entering upon our subject, it may not be out of place to give two or three definitions taken from the *Stamp Collector's Companion*, as they will be often referred to in the course of the next few months.

"A *Bogus Stamp* is one of which there exists no original, of which there were never like stamps in use, but which is issued for the purpose of defrauding collectors. The stamps of Sedang and many of the so-called German Locals are bogus stamps.

"A *Counterfeit* is an imitation of a genuine stamp."

"*Fac-Similes* are imitations of genuine stamps, equally as bad as counterfeits, except for the fact that they are sold as copies of the original stamp. In most instances they have the word 'fac-simile' printed in small type across the face."

"A *Government Counterfeit* is an obsolete stamp, the plates of which having been destroyed, new plates are prepared by the government and the stamps printed therefrom are sold as reprints. See U. S. 1847 issue which were re-issued in this manner, and are often erroneously called reprints."

"*Government Reprints* are stamps reprinted by the government from the original plates after the issue has become obsolete. For example, the U. S. 1851 issue reprinted for the Centennial Exhibition."

"*Reprints* are stamps printed from the original plates after the issue is obsolete."

There are other definitions which may be necessary to make our explanations clear, but these can be given as the occasion demands.

It will be noticed that I include definitions of reprints in the above; I do this simply because some stamps classed as reprints are nothing less than forgeries, and by reference to these definitions it will be readily seen what a reprint really is: It is my intention to devote considerable space to this subject in future numbers, especially in VOL. III, when our space for reading matter will be more extensive. This month, however, I am compelled to confine myself to the above introduction, and next month, and regularly thereafter, the important details of the subject will be discussed.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PHILATELIC SUB-STUDIES.

VI.—VARIOUS MINOR DEFINITIONS.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Continued from page 100.)

COLONIAL Stamps are stamps issued by a Government for use in its colonies. The stamps of Cuba, Puerto Rico, etc., are Spanish Colonies; those of Canada, Natal, Jamacia, etc., are British Colonies.

The proper description of a stamp should be as follows, always beginning at the centre: "U. S. 1c., 1887", the centre of the stamp consisting of the bust of Benjamin Franklin (after the original by Caracci); to the left in an oval disk with shaded background, the lower portion of the oval being bordered with pearls and the upper portion with curved frame, containing in small letters the words 'United States Postage.' The whole is engraved in line upon a shield shaped tablet with a turncated pyramidal base, bearing on it the words 'one' and 'cent' on either side of the figure '1'; color, ultramarine; shape, rectangular."—*Jewett's Stamp Collector's Dictionary and Guide.*

Fac-Similes are imitations of genuine stamps, equally as bad as counterfeits, except for the fact that they are sold as copies of the original stamp. In most instances they have the words *fac-simile* printed in small type across the face.

In stamp lore the same rules as regards the form of a stamp are used as in Euclid. A stamp with four equal sides like the U. S. 1869 issue is called square. When the sides are longer than the top and base it is rectangular, as the current issue of Canada. When the top and bottom are longer than the sides it is oblong, as are the U. S. Columbian issue. Other shapes are triangular, oval, diamond, etc.

The *Gum* is the adhesive layer on the back of the stamp.

Heraldic Characters are devices such as are found on the pence issues of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

The term *knife* when applied to a stamped envelope has reference to its cut and shape.

A *Local Stamp* is one not issued by Government authority, and good only for use in the corporation where set is issued.

A stamp no longer in use is termed obsolete.

An oddity is a mis-print of some kind, or a mistake not found in the die of the stamp. For instance, a post card with the stamp at the wrong corner might be termed an oddity, through the sheet being cut the wrong way.

Philatelic, pertaining to philately.

Philatelical, see philatelic.

Philately, (*a*) The science of stamp collecting. (*b*) The collecting or study of stamps.

Philatelist, (*a*) Collector and student of stamps. (*b*) A journal devoted to stamps.

Provincials are stamps issued for use in the province of issue only. See stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. These are Canadian provincials.

Stamps issued in an emergency to supply a shortage of some particular denomination are called *Provisionals*. In some cases one value is surcharged over another denomination to supply the want, while in other cases revenue stamps are used for postage to supply the deficiency.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BEHIND THE SCENES.

CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

She, with Fido is sitting,
Snugly wrapped, in a cozy chair,
A bonbon box is near her,
Her album, too, is there;
She nibbles a dainty morsel,
She thinks of an album filled,
As she sweetly pens the lines,
That her absent lover thrilled.
"Oh! that you were with me,
Without you life is drear,
Would that I was with you,
Or would that you were here."

He sits, with his feet on the mantel,
In his cozy bachelor den,
Smoking a mild Havana,
In the usual way of men;
His two hounds sleep on the floor,
His album is close by,
He looks through its full pages,
As he echoes her lonely cry.
"Oh! that you were with me,
Without you life is drear,
Would that I was with you,
Or would that you were here."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

The Montreal agent of the C. P. R. has an envelope which made the circuit of the globe in sixty-two days. The letter was mailed in London, Eng., on April 7, and reached Hong Kong via Suez, on May 1st, and was forwarded from there through Canada by the C. P. R., arriving in London on June 8. The envelope is covered with the stamps of the various countries through which it passed, and would be a valuable addition to any collection. The C. P. R., however, won't part with it.

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If there is anything that will make a man growl, that is, if he is a stamp collector, it is to receive a packet of unused stamps and find them stuck together as firmly as it is possible to make them stick. It doesn't tend to pleasurize the philatelic peace of mind, especially as you can't make some stamps stick to an envelope without a good deal of coaxing, in fact, it generally requires a good deal of licking; but the stamp that goes inside the stamp packet is another kind of a stamp altogether. It will stick, and stick with a vengeance. It is one of the pleasant characteristics of summer.

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A certain author defines "crank" as "a man who does not think as we do." Is a man who does not collect stamps a crank?

——:o:——

Life is real, life is earnest,
But it might be more sublime,
If a man was not kept busy,
Buying Seebeck's all the time.

——:o:——

The big Columbians, after all, may prove a blessing in disguise to the man who has a too-talkative mother-in-law. She would be quite handy for stamping his letters. "It's an ill wind that blows no man good."

THE MONTH.

This department was inadvertently omitted last month owing to the editor's absence.———During June, July and August the Toronto Philatelic Club will meet only on the first Wednesday of the month. ———The Canada 8c. stamp is expected here daily ; they are now being printed, and will be a deep maroon in color. The talk of the withdrawal of the 50c. stamp is only talk.———The *Ottawa Philatelist* is surely defunct this time, it having had its second-class rates taken from it on account of an article entitled " The Philatelic Mocking-Bird" which appeared in its columns.———We see by *The Philatelic Record* that Newfoundland is to shortly issue a new set of stamps, with a portrait of the Queen, as is shown in the new English coinage, with diadem and veil upon the head.———Seebeck's 1892 crop has been harvested and is now on the market.———All the Hawaiian Island stamps on hand at Honlulu were recently surcharged "Provisional Government." We may yet see the U. S. Columbians surcharged " Hawaiian Islands".———Seychelles recently changed her postage rates, and as a result we have an extensive crop of surcharges hailing from this place.———The Newfoundland 1 sh., vermilion, which was worth but $5 in 1870, now sells for $48 ; the Nova Scotia shilling has gone up from $3.75 to $37.90 ; the New Brunswick shilling from $4 to $40.50 ; New York 3c., on glazed paper, from 80c to $15 ; U. S. 1869 set from 60c. to $19 ; St. Louis 10c. from $2 to $33.50 ; Providence 5 and 10c. from 65c. to $22.05, and so on. In the face of this who can say stamp collecting does not pay.———We have a specimen of the Guyane 1c., 1893, which is spelt CUYANE in error for GUYANE. We have not as yet noticed this error in the higher values.———Mr. A. Schiff, of the National Collection Agency, New York City, was in Toronto on May 31st.———We have received from our friend, Mr. Jules Ledger, of Andenarde, Belgium, the new Belgium Sunday stamp. It consists of two parts which are separated by perforations ; if it is desired that the letter be not delivered on Sunday, the lower portion is left on, while if the sender has no objection to its Sunday delivery the lower portion is detached.——— The Nebraska Philatelic Society which was organized in April, 1892, now has 41 members and 9 applications Nebraska philatelists are an active body.——— The first auction sale of the U. P. A. has been postponed to June 15th from date previously set.——— The famous philatelic poet, Guy W. Green, has gone into writing ballad poetry ; in the Columbian issue of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* he contributes a poem which occupies five pages.———*The Stamp News* says : Such a brisk business goes on every Thursday and Sunday at the Parisian Stamp Bourse, which is held in the open air, that it is said the authorities contemplate putting a roof over that part of the Champs Elysees. ———Mr. W. Hadlow, of London, England, held his 21st sale at Chancery Lane, on May 12th. ———It has been suggested that in event of the Home Rule Bill becoming law, that the Irish Government thereby created will find it desirable to have a set of postage stamps for use in Ireland.———As will be seen by an advertisement in this issue, Queensland, Australia, is to have a new stamp journal to be called *The Australian Stamp News*.———Cape wood blocks are using rapidly on the continent.———New Zealand now has the backs of her stamps covered with advertisements. We consider that it is a profitable business for the N. Z. P. O. Dept.———The Duke of York, at his own request, has been admitted a member of the London Philatelic Society. We notice that a large number of the nobility are members of this society. Its Hon. President is H. R. H the Duke of Edinburgh, K. G. and C. ; Hon. Vice-President, H. R. H. the Duke of York; President, the Earl of Kingston.——— The latest aspirant to fame is the *Western Journal of Philately*, published by L. M. Bates, of Valentine, Neb. ———A large number of Canada 12d. are turning up, but soon disappear.———An error has been discovered in the 2c. and 10c. Columbian envelopes. They appear with and without periods after cents.——— The 27th meeting of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco was held May 5th.———*Kissenger's Philatelic Postal Card* has been excluded from the mails. ———Who can tell why editors and publishers of philatelic magazines find it too hot to write in the summer months and decrease the size of their papers? ———Several of the London (England) dealers have had a meeting to consider the advisability of establishing an open stamp exchange similar to the Stamp Bourse of Paris.———The Governor of the Straits Settlements has directed that not more than $500 worth of stamps be sold to one person without special permission. This applies to the Native States as well as the colony.———*The Philatelic Journal of America* says: "Upon authority of Mr. A. R Rogers, of New York, whose information comes from an official source, we learn that the current issue of periodical stamps are to be placed on sale to the public. Collectors can then obtain specimens at face value. This will tend to reduce the present market value of the lower denominations and advance the price of unused specimens of the higher denominations to at least face value." The 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c. stamps of the Argentine 1890 issue have been surcharged " Official," in black. ———The A. P. A convention will be held in the week of August 14-19 at Chicago, near the corner of 35th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.———The *Dominion Philatelist* has decreased in size to 12 pages. Hot weather the probable cause!——— We hear that a Chicago collector will shortly issue a philatelic postal card, like that issued by Mr. Kissinger. It is to be used for kicking and criticizing. It may be refused the mails, as was Mr. Kissinger's paper of this nature.———Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto, called on us recently.——— We see by the *Southern Philatelist*, that parties who were swindled by the Toronto Stamp Concern, of Yorkville, can obtain recompense by addressing Mr. F. D. Barwick, Post Office Inspector, Toronto, Ont. We recently exposed this firm's fraudulent dealings through this paper.———Our Annual List, No. 4, will be ready Sept. 1st, and will be the most artistic and the best list ever issued by a Canadian dealer. Have your name entered for a copy.——— The *Philatelic Gazette* is a new paper of more than average merit hailing from Ore, England.——— Six new members and three applications are received by the P. S. of C. for June.———*The Chicago Philatelist* is undoubtedly what it claims to be : " Much in a nutshell." It is the best magazine of its size published, perfect in contents and appearance.——— " Among the recent acquisitions to the London Society is a real live prince—no less a person than Prince Doris Shahoffskoi, probably of Russia. The Prince has not been a resident in this country (England), for some time. His name, I believe, came over in a separate vessel."———In conclusion, look out for improvements next month.

The No. in the bracket on your wrapper indicates when your subscription expires.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

Quebec, 7th June, 1893.

Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—For the information of collectors of Revenue Stamps, I herewith send you a copy of a circular respecting the change in color of the current stamps in use for the Province of Quebec. In addition to the information which it conveys, I may add that the new colors were issued for the first time on the 19th of May, 1893.

Yours very truly,
ERNEST F. WÜRTELE,
President Canadian Philatelic Ass'n.

CIRCULAR.

To the Sheriffs, Prothonotaries. Clerks of the various Courts, Registrars, Stamp Distributors, etc., etc., of the Province of Quebec:

SIR,—I am directed by the Honorable the Provincial Treasurer to inform you that, owing to the discovery that certain persons were cleaning and using a second time cancelled law stamps, it has been decided to have a new issue printed in different colors, as follows: 10c. to 90c. stamps, inclusive, in mauve instead of red; $1 to $5 stamps, inclusive, in green instead of blue; $10 stamps in blue instead of yellow; $20 stamps in yellow instead of green; $30 stamps in red instead of mauve.

You will go on using such stamps as there may now remain in your hands of the old colors, until the supply of them is exhausted, but the Honorable the Treasurer wishes you to examine carefully any stamps, especially in the old colors, which may be presented to you to be affixed to documents, so as to make sure that they have not been already used.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,
A. BROSNAN,
Comptroller of Provincial Revenue.

PACKET NO. 30

Is enjoying a very large sale. We receive many flattering testimonials as to its cheapness. The following is a sample:

ERNST-CRAMER BLOCK,
Denver, Col., June 22, 1893.

L. M. STÆBLER, ESQ., London, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Your packet No. 30 to hand. I find after going through them carefully that it is the finest packet for the money I have ever seen, there being fewer (what I would call reprints) torn stamps and the cheaper grades than I expected.

Very truly yours,
JOHN W. LUTTON.

To parties desiring a superior packet we can strongly recommend this. See adv. on second cover page.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

PHILATELIC ODDITIES.

(Suggested by A. A. Bartlett's article on "Inverted Watermarks," in Stamp News Annual.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

I really supposed that our hobby had furnished
Each singular freak that man's mind could devise;
That we had sought errors with infinite patience,
Till nothing was hidden from eagle-like eyes.

But now I acknowledge that I was mistaken,
That regions exist we should straightway explore;
That rarities wait for the diligent student
Which eager collector has ne'er seen before.

A fellow who dwells in the desolate fastness
That touches our land on its northernmost side
Has made a discovery strange and exciting,
And points to his trophies with pleasure and pride.

It seems, so he tells us, that watermarks sometimes,
Forgetting their dreary and dignified past,
Appear on their heads in unusual manner,
Like boys whom a "show" into raptures has cast.

'Tis thus that the hindermost portion is changed to
The front elevation of this sort of mark,
As if the impression had gone on a "bender,"
And still was engaged in its gay, drunken lark.

'Tis thus that a crown becomes oddly inverted,
Until, if a monarch would bear it around,
He needs must direct both his feet to the zenith
And rest his proud head on the plebeian ground.

'Tis thus that some watermarks seem to our vision,
To be in a sorry, lamentable plight;
With top at the bottom and "tother" side hither,
Till naught is appropriate, proper or right.

I truly am thankful for this new department,
That dear Brother Bartlett has shown us to-day;
I proudly rejoice that he comes in his wisdom
And guides our footsteps to a glorious way.

I hail thee, oh, Bartlett; I crown thee with laurels;
I lay this poor tribute of praise at thy feet;
I'll fall down before thee and do thee obeisance,
If ever the future permits us to meet.

—*Southern Philatelist.*

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Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

"NEW" POST OFFICE RULES.

A funny postmaster recently sent to the Post Office Department a new set of Post Office rules. They were ;

A pair of onions will go for two scents.

Ink bottles must be corked when sent by mail.

Persons are compelled to lick their own postage stamps and envelopes ; the postmaster cannot be compelled to do this.

Persons are earnestly requested not to send postal cards with money orders enclosed, as large sums are lost in that way.

Nitro-glycerine must be forwarded at the risk of the sender. If it should blow up in the postmaster's hand he cannot be held responsible.

When letters are received bearing no direction, the persons for whom they are intended will please signify the fact to the postmaster that they may at once be forwarded.

As all postmasters are expert linguists, the address may be written in Chinese or Cree.

It is unsafe to mail apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them.

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of the envelope.

Ducks cannot be sent through the mail when alive. The quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerks on the postal cars.

When watches are sent through the mail, if the sender will put a notice on the outside, the postmasters will wind and keep in running order.

John Smith gets his mail from 674,279 post offices, hence a letter directed to John Smith, North America, will reach him.

When you send a money order in a letter, always write full and explicit directions in the same letter, so that any person getting the letter can draw the money.

Alligators over ten feet in length are not allowed to be transmitted by mail.

The placing of stamps upside down on letters is prohibited. Several postmasters have recently been seriously injured while trying to stand on their heads to cancel stamps placed in this manner.—*Clipping.*

HOME RULE AND PHILATELY.

The editor of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* was wise in his generation when he addressed a polite query to the Premier as to the bearing of Home Rule on the future of stamps. Mr. Gladstone's reply was not very precise, to be sure, inasmuch as he confined himself to the statement that the question "will be one for the consideration of the Irish Government." Still, when once it is clear that the matter is within the competence of the proposed Parliament on College Green, it follows, as the night the day, that the passage of the Home Rule Bill would inevitably lead to the issue of a new and distinct series of postage stamps." The patriotic Irishman is a great fellow for signs and emblems, legends and mottoes, and we may rest assured that if there is an Irish postage stamp it will be something rich and strange. The Premier's announcement, we fear, cannot but lead to a serious conflict in the bosoms of all stamp collectors. From the evidence which their hobby affords them of the greatness of the British dominions, they can hardly fail as a class to be imbued with the Imperialist ideal. But, *qua* collectors they will probably welcome the possible issue of a new series of stamps, irrespectively of the disastrous events of which that issue is the visible emblem. The philatelist whose Unionism triumphs over his collecting mania really deserves to have ten votes at an election. It is worth noting, in conclusion, that the ability to establish a separate postage which is to be conferred on the Irish Government, might, under certain circumstances, prove a most lucrative source of revenue. When an Irish Republic takes the place of the nondescript *regime* which Mr. Gladstone hopes to introduce, apart from the national love of change there will be a strong monetary inducement to replace President Justin by President Tim, and to keep ringing the changes as rapidly as possible, for as one head succeeds another on the Irish stamp, it will always be possible to sell the disused remainders at a good price to wealthy philatelists. This, at least, is said to be the case in the Republics of South America, and Ireland could hardly fail to profit by so instructive and congenial an example.—*London Globe.*

NEW CAPE COLONY STAMPS.

The Cape Government have accepted a design for a new postage stamp for the Colony, and the issue will commence as soon as possible. The stamp, which is of the same form and shape as the existing stamps, was designed by Mr. Mountford, and is exceedingly artistic, tasteful and appropriate. The centre is occupied by the figure of Hope standing erect, the right hand resting upon an anchor. In the background behind the figure is Table Bay, and showing Table Mountain, the Lion and the Devil's Peak. The base, consisting of a scroll, furnishes space for denoting the value of the stamp, and running along the top and down both sides, assuming the form of a horse shoe, typifying good luck, is a further scroll, bearing the words "Cape of Good Hope" The denomination of the stamp in figures is shown in both top corners. Altogether the stamp will possess considerable artistic merit, and Mr. Merriman, with whom the choice rested, has given the colony a stamp of which it might well be proud. Philatelists anxious to obtain early issues will be compelled to exercise some patience. There is but one specimen in the country, but we understand that there will be no further issue from the Treasury, and the new stamp will come into use immediately a supply has been struck.—*Johannesburg Star.*

A young woman in a Pennsylvania village the other day asked the postmaster for some stamps. "Which kind?" he inquired. "The ones with the whiskers," she replied, and at once gave her some 2c. stamps on which is the picture of Columbus with his 12 hours' growth of whiskers.

Rev. Father Tiernan brought a letter into the Police Station the other day addressed to "Mrs. John Neill, New London, Upper Canada, North America, in care of the Rev. P Priest, in care of the Police Sergeant, Canada, Philadelphy." The envelope very naturally bore the post-mark of Nenagh, Beb. 19.—*London Free Press.*

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EDITORIAL.

An Apology. We must ask that our subscribers be lenient in their criticisms of the lateness of our June number. It was wholly the fault of our printer, as we had our copy in at the usual date.

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Prospectus for Vol. III. Our September issue begins our third volume. From that issue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST will appear to much better advantage. We are about to make a large number of improvements in its make-up and contents. Among the improvements which will be introduced we may mention: Each number will be illustrated with the portrait of some prominent collector or collectors. An illustrated catalogue of U. S. stamps will be continued from month to month. This last will be an important feature. We are also making arrangements with the leading writers to supply us with original articles monthly, and on *original* subjects. We have in the past perhaps admitted to our columns some articles not strictly first-class. For this we are to blame. We shall carry out the above to the letter, and as a result shall have the best 25c. philatelic paper in existence.

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Special Notice. Our local customers will please observe that our office will close every Thursday during the months of June, July and August at 1 o'clock. Kindly note.

Visitors to London. Among the prominent collectors and dealers who recently called upon us were Mr. Paine, of London, England; Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ont.; Mr. T. H. Hinton, of Chelsea, London, S. W., England. Mr. Hinton is among the oldest English dealers, and began dealing in 1868. He is well and favorably known in England. We expect to see a considerable number of English collectors this summer, as a large number of them will in all probability visit the World's Fair.

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Re Our Circulation. Last month we made an offer through these columns offering to supply this journal free of charge to any Young Men's Christian Association who would place the same on file in their reading room. In response we have received letters from a considerable number of these Associations stating their willingness to comply with our request. Many of the Secretaries stated that the paper would be especially acceptable owing to the number of collectors among the members. Our advertisers can readily see the benefit of this.

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Foreign Samples. We send 200 copies of this paper each month to foreign collectors. In this way each number of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST circulates in almost every country of the world. We positively guarantee the above circulation, and we are willing to forfeit $500 upon any person advancing proof to the contrary. Parties who desire foreign correspondence cannot find a better paper to advertise in than THE CANADIAN PAILATELIST, nor is there any time as good as the summer months for advertising of this class, as the replies do not reach you before winter, which is the time they are most acceptable.

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The R. C. H. Brock Sale. The Brock Collection has always been considered one of the best on this continent. About one month since Mr. Brock placed this magnificent collection in the hands of the Bogert & Durbin Co. for sale. Several large sections of the collection have already been sold. The collection of entire U. S. envelopes, which was the finest in existence, has been, we are told, sold intact to an American collector. "The other sections which are included in the sale are the Revenue Stamps of the United States, which is subdivided into three sections: documents, match and medicine, and tax stamps, and finally the collection of U. S. proofs. All of these goods have passed into the possession of that energetic collector, Mr. Hiram E. Deats, who, by this addition to his collection, becomes the greatest American collector." The balance of this magnificent collection will shortly be sold by auction. Date announced later.

To Foreign Collectors. We send a large number of copies to foreign countries each month for the purpose of securing your subscription. If this paragraph is marked, it is to be considered an invitation to subscribe. Our subscription rates to any country in the world outside of Canada and the United States are 50 cents, 2 sh., 2 fr., 2 mks., or equivalents. Remittances may be made by P. O. Order, or unused stamps of the lowest denomination.

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Our Subscription List. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be. We are well aware that many of our patrons are interested in the success of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, to such an extent that they would not object to assist us in the matter of securing subscriptions. We have therefore decided to offer any person who will secure us the subscriptions of four of their friends, and forward same, together with $1, we will send the paper one year to each of the names sent, and also send you the paper one year for your trouble. If you are already a subscriber, you may have your subscription extended a year, or have the paper sent to some friend. Take advantage of this offer.

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Timely Topics. Proprietary medicines in England bear an *ad-valorem* stamp for revenue purposes. The amounts received by the government from this source during 1892 have just been published. On an article sold for one shilling (or 25 cents) the duty is 3 cents. On two shillings and six-pence (60 cents) it is six cents. The revenue from this source in 1892 exceeded that of 1891 by about $72,000. The total was well over $1,200,000 (one million two hundred thousand dollars). The quantity of merchandise covered by this duty must have been stupendous. I may add that the duty is added to the retail price. Thus a shilling article stamped is sold to the public, when not cut, at one shilling, one penny and a half-penny.

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Rogers' Blue-Book. One of the most important philatelic works of the year is *Rogers' Philatelic Blue-Book*. It comprises a large quantity of information, valuable to philatelists, but more especially so to the dealer and publisher. It gives the names, addresses, occupations, age, references, societies of which they are members, size of collection, specialty, etc., etc , of almost 2,000 collectors. All American Societies are fully dealt with. The American dealers are also fully brought to light, capital, age, specialty and kindred information being given. Mr. Rogers is to be congratulated on the successful completion of a philatelic work of such importance. It is handsomely bound in blue cloth with gilt lettering. It can be obtained from us at the publisher's price, $1.00 postpaid.

A New Standard Catalogue. We are now promised a new standard catalogue. What success it will have is more than we feel inclined to say. American collectors are at present dependent on Scott's Catalogue, which has been and is the standard American catalogue. Other catalogues are published, but are not as generally used as those of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Now a syndicate of dealers whose object seems to be more one of rivalry than anything else (it cannot be from the profit of the publication they undertake it) are going to issue a new standard catalogue. Now we are well aware that Scott's catalogue prices are far from correct, that many are too high, many too low, yet when one carefully considers the matter, cannot it be easily seen that in a work which necessitates such an immense labor, a certain amount of error is excusable. Notwithstanding this, we are, however, not by any means inclined to favor one firm with the monopoly. The new catalogue we feel sure will receive fair and unprejudiced criticism from all. It promises that the prices will be correct to a great measure, that it will be a catalogue of the grade of Morris', Serrf's. and Stanley Gibbon's, whish are the acknowledged leading catalogues. There is one thing however which is apt to deteriorate the value of the catalogue : After the compilers have finished their work a committee of prominent and experienced dealers will meet in New York and carefully revise the list of prices before it is printed. This committee is composed of stockholders of the Company, and any dealer who purchases 1,000 catalogues may sit on the committee, and we presume that the meaning of this is that any dealer who thus obtains representation on this board of revision will wield a considerable influence toward the placing of the price of a stamp of which he holds a large stock. However, the promoters of the catalogue may deny this, they will find that this will be partially true. It is next to impossible that a catalogue compiled under the supervision of a ring of dealers can be free from this detestable evil. Few American catalogues are, now, in my opinion, and we do not believe we are alone, this is the only objection of any importance that can be made against the new catalogue, yet we may be wrong in our prediction. We *on the whole* are inclined to favor the new catalogue. It may serve to encourage among cataloguers a greater uniformity in price, for any general and great difference in price would cause unfavorable comment. This will probably lead both cataloguers to use a more careful judgment in placing the correct prices, yet we could not refrain from objecting as we did to the mode of revision. Collectors should have representation. "Every stamp will be priced. Many stamps are now priced at a few cents that can hardly ever be found in a dealer's stock ; the prices should be raised. Many others less scarce are priced far too high, and these

should be reduced. It is only by experienced dealers that these mistakes can be rectified." Thus say the publishers. The C. H. Mekeel Pub.ishing Co. of St. Louis, and a couple of large New York dealers, are the ones who are principally interested in the movement, which it is altogether probable will meet with the success that an enterprise of such proportions deserves.

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The De Coppett Sale. We are probably a little late in making mention of this sale, which was one of the largest auction sales of stamps ever held. The total amount realized by the sale was in the neighborhood of $30,000. Space being at a premium this month, we are unable to give a list of the prices obtained. A British Guiana, 1850, 2c. pink, which Mr. De Coppett purchased some years ago for $192, was sold to Mr. F. W. Hunter for $1,010. Who in the face of this can say stamp collecting does not pay. This is the highest price which has ever been paid for a stamp by auction.

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Timely Warnings. Our esteemed contemporary, *The Post Office*, gives a couple of important warnings to its readers, which we must needs repeat. A certain society (?) Germania, or The German Philatelic Society of New York, which has been very extensively advertised through the medium of the philatelic press, has been investigated by *The Post Office* and has proved one of the greatest philatelic swindles ever discovered. The Society, which was said to have its headquarters in New York, claimed to hold very large local meetings, and that its total membership, local and corresponding, was about 800 The Society in New York consisted of but one person, Ph. Heinsberger alias F. Philips, and following this up, of course no meetings were held. Dues were at the modest sum of $3 per year. It can be readily seen the amount which this party must have secured annually from a large number of dupes. We congratulate Bro. Gremmel for his promptness in disclosing this swindle. The same paper also warns collectors against purchasing any of the Mexican Provisionals, so-called, Campechie, Monterey, Patycuaro, Zacatecas, as the editor claims to have almost positive proof that all of them are bogus. Full particulars are promised in their next issue.

Mexico Port de Mar. We quote the following extract verbatim from *The Monthly Journal* on the Port de Mar stamps of Mexico: "Finally, we have an explanation (which we have no doubt is the correct one) of the use of Port de Mar labels which have so long puzzled collectors. At the time these stamps were issued all letters passed through Vera Cruz (instead of going via New York, as at present). The minimum charge was 50 cents, and there being no arrangement for paying a fixed subsidy to the mail steamers, the postal officials in Mexico attached Port de Mar stamps to indicate to the Governor of Vera Cruz the amount of sea postage he was to pay on each letter. The Governor of Vera Cruz is said to have objected to the stamps on yellow paper and these consequently were never issued, and not even gummed officially. The stamps were not cancelled, except accidentally in cancelling the ordinary stamps, or postmarking the letters, hence the rarity of *used* copies, so called. It appears, therefore, that these are not postage stamps in any sense of the word indicating neither postage paid, or postage due, but merely conveying information on matters of accounts. They may be classed with *Postal Labels* like "Officially Sealed," "Returned Letter," etc.

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Terra del Fuego. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is a first-class investigator, and quite often settles questions on which collectors are in the dark. We quote the following on the Terra del Fuego stamp: "We have at last obtained some information in regard to this curious stamp bearing the name of this country, the history of which (the stamp, not the country) has never, we believe been fully known. Our informant is a naval officer who was enabled to make inquiries on the spot in February last. A small steamer runs occasionally from Ushuwaia, the principal town of Terra del Fuego, to Punta Arenas (better known as Sandy Point) in the Straits of Magellan, conveying mails to catch the Pacific Mail steamers which call at the latter place. The authorities at Ushuwaia state that a Mr. Popper, a member of the Argentine Trading Company there, had the stamps printed on his own authority, and had them used on one batch of letters by this steamer to indicate the postage (paid we presume to the Trading Company for the conveyance of the mails). The government of the Argentine Republic however, of which Terra del Fuego forms a part, confiscated the stamps and stopped their use, and the Chillian authorities at Sandy Point equally objected to them so that the circulation of the Terra del Fuego stamps came to an untimely end. It thus appears that they were not in any way a Government issue, though they may have been genuinely issued by a Letter Carrying Company."

Argentine Reprints. We regret that we have found the 1864 Argentine reprints sold by us to be forgeries. These were sold us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co , of Ipswich, Eng., and guaranteed genuine. They were, however, submitted to a leading N. Y. expert, who pronounced them frauds. We did not expect this from a firm of the standing of Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. We have destroyed our entire stock of these. We desire that any of our customers who bought these stamps from *us* will return them, and we will refund the amount paid. We regret greatly that this occurred.

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The Columbian Jokes. He who said that the jokes which the American press have published on the Columbian stamps would fill a book, spoke truthfully. The two latest, which are at present on the rounds, are herewith given. "A man, who evidently was married, remarked that the new Columbian stamps were only fitted for women to lick, as they (the women) had so much tongue." It is also said that "The Columbian stamps would make any man a liquor (licker) fiend." The famous American humorists are very much in need of a new subject.

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